

UAB. Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine

Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 1 p.m.
Bartow Arena | Birmingham, Alabama

Welcome to the 2025 Commencement Ceremony of the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine.

Today's ceremony is the culmination of years of study, preparation, and achievement by our graduating students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and, of course, our students and their families.

About the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine

In grateful recognition of a transformational \$100 million gift from longtime University of Alabama at Birmingham supporter Marnix E. Heersink, M.D., the UAB School of Medicine is now named the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine.

The record gift—the single largest philanthropic commitment in university history—named the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine, and established the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation and the Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health. The gift also provides support through both endowed and outright funds for key initiatives of the Heersink School of Medicine. Dr. Heersink, a renowned eye surgeon, innovator, and entrepreneur, desires for this gift to inspire and catalyze additional philanthropic contributions that support high-impact recruitments, programs, and research in the Heersink School of Medicine.

About the Procession

Commencement begins with an academic procession. Faculty and alumni will form a path through which the class will enter. The Path of Honor is a significant moment in which faculty and alumni recognize the accomplishments of the graduating students.

The students will process in by Learning Community. Learning Communities are small groups to which students are assigned upon entering medical school. Each Learning Community will be led by the faculty mentor and gonfalon (banner) bearing the name of the physician for which the community is named.

More information about the namesakes for each Learning Community can be found on pages 11-13.

If you are able, please stand for the procession.

About the Hooding

Students are hooded with members of their Learning Community. A list of the students by Learning Community can be found on pages 31-33. After the Learning Communities, the students who completed the Medical Scientist Training Program (M.D./Ph.D.) will be hooded. Finally, those students who have completed the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program will be hooded.

About the Oath of Hippocrates

The ceremony concludes with reading the Oath of Hippocrates.

Hippocrates of Kos (c. 460-370 BC) was a Greek physician known for his contributions to the field of medicine, such as clinical observation, the systematic study of medicine, and categorization of diseases. In Egypt, Imhotep (c. 2650-2600 BC) practiced first as an architect and then as a physician and is recognized for early advances in surgery, pathology of disease, and the insistence of practicing medicine as a science. Taken together, Hippocrates and Imhotep represent the long and evolving history of medicine as a profession with rich global and cultural contributions and accomplishments.

The Oath of Hippocrates (or Hippocratic Oath), has itself been adapted to reflect new understandings about the practice of medicine, and to reflect values more consistent with different periods of time. While there has not been a "standard" oath for decades, many medical schools still incorporate some version of the oath in their commencement ceremonies to show unity of medical students who will soon enter the profession of medicine with the faculty and alumni in attendance.

The version of the oath our students, faculty, and alumni will read together at the end of the ceremony can be found on page 5 of the program.

About the Speaker

Holden Thorp, Ph.D., became Editor-in-Chief of the Science family of journals on Oct. 28, 2019. He came to Science from Washington University, where he was provost from 2013 to 2019 and professor from 2013 to 2023. He is currently a professor at George Washington University and on leave to serve as the Editor-in-Chief at Science.

Thorp joined Washington University after spending three decades at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), where he served as the 10th chancellor from 2008 through 2013.

Thorp earned a Bachelor of Science degree from UNC and a doctorate in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology, and completed postdoctoral work at Yale University. He holds honorary degrees from Hofstra University and North Carolina Wesleyan College and is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Inventors, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Thorp cofounded Viamet Pharmaceuticals, which developed VIVJOA (oteseconazole), now approved by the FDA and marketed by Mycovia Pharmaceuticals. Thorp is a venture partner at Hatteras Venture Partners, a consultant to Ancora and Urban Impact Advisors, and is on the board of directors of PBS, the College Advising Corps, and Saint Louis University. He serves on the scientific advisory boards of the Yale School of Medicine and the Underwriters' Laboratories Research Institutes. In 2023, STAT named Thorp to its STATUS list of top leaders in the life sciences.

Thorp is the coauthor, with Buck Goldstein, of two books on higher education: "Engines of Innovation: The Entrepreneurial University in the Twenty-First Century and Our Higher Calling: Rebuilding the Partnership Between America and its Colleges and Universities," both from UNC Press.



Oath of Hippocrates

I swear by that which I hold most sacred that according to my ability I will keep this, my oath and covenant:

With purity and holiness I will pass my life and practice my art.

As I labor in the places of healing, my first thoughts will be the life, happiness and health of my patients.

To this end, I will try to treat my fellow physicians in this art as I wish them to treat me.

I will use my power to heal my patients to the best of my judgment.

I will abstain from harming or wronging anyone by it.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life.

Into whatever houses I enter I will go into them for the benefit of my patients.

And whatsoever I shall see or hear in the course of my profession, as well as outside my profession in my interactions with others, if it be what should not be published abroad, I will not divulge, holding such things to be sacred.

For the sake of the sick I will pursue knowledge of this art throughout the days of my life.

With eagerness I will learn from my fellow physicians and with humility I will share my knowledge with them.

In respect for those who have led me into the paths of Medicine, I will lead those who follow me.

Should I transgress these promises, may my soul know no peace, but while I keep this oath inviolate, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, forever honored by all people.

Program

Procession with Path of Honor*

Students, Faculty and Alumni

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Anupam Agarwal, M.D.

Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean

UAB Heersink School of Medicine

James C. Lee, Jr. Endowed Chair

Class President's Address

James Stallworth, Jr. | President, Class of 2025

Commencement Address

Holden Thorp, Ph.D.

School Awards

Craig Hoesley, M.D. | Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education

Medical Alumni Association Leadership & Community Service Award

P. Michael Caruso, M.D. | President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association

Awarding of Academic Hoods**

Anupam Agarwal, M.D., Presiding

Craig Hoesley, M.D.

Kevin Leon, M.D. | Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

Reading of Names

Nicholas Van Wagoner, M.D., Ph.D. | Associate Dean for Students

Oath of Hippocrates‡

Nicholas Van Wagoner, M.D., Ph.D. | 2024 Recipient of the

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Recession*

Students, Faculty and Alumni

**If you are able, please stand.*

***Students will be hooded by their Learning Community.*

A list of students by Learning Community can be found on pages 31-33 of this program.

‡Physicians in the audience are invited to stand and recite the oath with the faculty and students.

A copy of the oath can be found on page 5.

Leadership

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Anupam Agarwal, M.D.

Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean

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Senior Associate Dean, Access and Engagement

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Senior Associate Dean, Medical Education

Robert P. Kimberly, M.D.

Senior Associate Dean, Strategic Initiatives

Jean Ann Larson, Ph.D.

Senior Associate Dean, Leadership Development; Chief Leadership Development Officer

David Rogers, M.D., MPHE

Chief Wellness Officer

Alan Tita, M.D., Ph.D.

Senior Associate Dean, Global and Women's Health

ASSOCIATE DEANS

Irfan M. Asif, M.D. | Primary Care and Rural Health

Scott Ballinger, Ph.D. | Faculty Affairs

Thomas W. Buford, Ph.D. | Research

Raegan Durant, M.D., MPH | Access and Engagement

Richard Friend, M.D. | Tuscaloosa Campus

Cristin Gavin, Ph.D. | Biomedical Programs

William M. Geisler, M.D., MPH | Physician Scientist Development

Alice Goepfert, M.D. | Graduate Medical Education

Christina J. Grabowski, Ph.D. | Admissions and Enrollment Management

Alicia Gross, Ph.D. | Faculty Affairs and Development

Caroline Harada, M.D. | Strategic Initiatives, Medical Education

Bruce Korf, M.D., Ph.D. | Genomic Medicine and Chief Genomic Officer

ASSOCIATE DEANS (continued)

Louis R. Lambiase, M.D. | Montgomery Campus
Kevin Leon, M.D. | Undergraduate Medical Education
Nita Limdi, PharmD, Ph.D., MSPH | Genomic Medicine
Michael Mugavero, M.D. | Clinical and Translational Research
Dana Rizk, M.D. | Clinical Trials
Roger D. Smalligan, M.D. | Huntsville Campus
Nicholas Van Wagoner, M.D., Ph.D. | Students
Majd Zayzafoon, M.D., Ph.D. | Global Initiatives and International Medical Education

ASSISTANT DEANS

William S. Brooks, Ph.D. | Pathways, Pipelines, and Bridges
Latesha Elope, M.D., MSPH | Access and Engagement - Resident and Fellow Experience
Cynthia Joiner, Ph.D., MPH, R.N. | Clinical Trials Administration
Brenessa Lindeman, M.D., MEHP, FACS | Graduate Medical Education
Todd Peterson, M.D. | Students
Rubin Pillay, M.D., Ph.D. | Global Health
Marjorie Lee White, M.D. | Clinical Simulation
Winter Williams, M.D. | Clinical Education
Carlton Young, M.D. | Access and Engagement - Medical Student Experience

BIRMINGHAM DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

Dan E. Berkowitz, MBBCh | Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, Ph.D. | Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
Jay Zhang, M.D., Ph.D. | Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, Ph.D. | Cell, Developmental and Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, M.D. | Dermatology
Andrew Edwards, M.D. | (Interim) Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, M.D. | Family and Community Medicine
Anindya Dutta, M.D., Ph.D. | Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, M.D. | Medical Education
Mark Dransfield, M.D. | (Interim) Medicine
J. Victor Garcia-Martinez, Ph.D. | Microbiology
Craig Powell, M.D., Ph.D. | Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, M.D., Ph.D. | Neurology
James M. Markert, M.D., M.P.H. | Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, M.D. | Obstetrics and Gynecology
Brian Samuels, M.D., Ph.D. | Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, M.D. | Orthopaedic Surgery

Justin Turner, M.D., Ph.D. | Otolaryngology
Cristina Magi-Galluzzi, M.D., Ph.D., | Pathology
Yung Lau, M.D. | Pediatrics
Vu Nguyen, M.D., MBA | Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Adrienne Lahti, M.D. | Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology
Corey Speers, M.D., Ph.D. | Radiation Oncology
Herbert Chen, M.D. | Surgery
Thomas Chi, M.D., MBA | Urology

HUNTSVILLE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

Shivani Malhotra, M.D. | Family Medicine
John Fanning, M.D. | Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, M.D. | Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, M.D. | Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, M.D. | Surgery

TUSCALOOSA DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

Tamer Elsayed, M.D. | Family Medicine, Internal, and Rural Medicine
John McDonald, M.D. | Obstetrics and Gynecology
Karen Burgess, M.D. | Pediatrics
Thaddeus Ulzen, M.D. | Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine
Joseph Wallace, M.D. | Surgery

REGIONAL CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

Lanita S. Carter, Ph.D. | Director, Medical Education and Student Services,
Huntsville Campus
Britney Sellers, M.P.H. | Director, Medical Education and Student Services,
Montgomery Campus
Dale Dickinson, Ph.D. | Director of Medical Student Affairs,
Tuscaloosa Campus

Student Leadership

2025 CLASS OFFICERS

James Stallworth, Jr., Class President
Mckinley Williams Conley, Vice President
Hemant Srivastava, Treasurer

Learning Communities

Learning Community Representatives

Madyson Grace Taylor, Barfield-Carter

James Walker Phillips, Barfield-Carter

Lillie Grace Veazey, Finley

Taylor Nicole Golden, Finley

Lauren Nicole Usrey, Hamilton

Kaysie Angel Freer, Harrison

Abigail Elizabeth Zane, Harrison

Margaret Lee Baldwin, Hill

Landon Joseph McNellage, Hill

Cynthia Lauren Huguley, Hirschowitz

Benjamin Rush Rogers, Hirschowitz

Kelsey Elizabeth Staggs, Kirklin

John Michael Woods Kaylor, Kirklin

Alyson Tudong Nguyen, Lyons

Jacob William Greenway, Lyons

Sarah Grace Trulove, McCallum

Ian Timothy Tsekouras, McCallum

Dakota Williams, Oparil

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand, Oparil

Lauren Nicole Sullivan, Pittman

William Paul Kretschmar, Pittman



Barfield-Carter Community

In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the Heersink School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training

Finley Community

Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys guided the medical genetics research, training, and service program at UAB for 35 years, providing genetics services and developing specialized diagnostic laboratories for detectable genetic disorders.

Students in the Finley Community are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community

Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the “Dog Bite Doctor” and the “Battle Surgeon” for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community

Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the Heersink School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Hill Community

Longtime Heersink School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson “Dick” Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university’s first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community

Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community

In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world’s first series of open-heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community

Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

McCallum Community

Charles “Scotty” McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community

Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community

As the Heersink School of Medicine’s longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Content taken from Howard, K. A Legacy of Leadership: Newly renamed learning communities honor key figures from our past and present. UAB Magazine.

Awards



School Awards

Hugh J. Dempsey Memorial Award

Presented to the student with the highest overall cumulative academic achievement. Winner will be announced during the ceremony.

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. In recognition of the value of humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families. Recipients will be announced during ceremony.

Birmingham Campus Departmental Awards

Awards are listed in alphabetical order by presenting department

Dean's Award

Superior performance in the clinical curriculum

Benjamin Michael Honan

G. Gayle Stephens Award

Excellence in Family Medicine

**Heather Kathryn McKelvey
Samuel Johnson**

Mcgahey Award For Most Outstanding Medical Student

Excellence in Anesthesiology

James Walker Phillips

Rime Acting Intern Award

Excellence in Internal Medicine

Benjamin Michael Honan

Emily F. Omura Award

Excellence In Dermatology

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Tinsley R. Harrison Award

Excellence in Internal Medicine

Halle Hope Thannickal

Wilfred F. Holderfer Memorial Award

Excellence in Emergency Medicine

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Veterans Affairs Service Award

Excellence in Medicine

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Endocrine Society Medical Student Achievement Award

Exceptional ability and Interest in Endocrinology

Charles Alan Gagnon-Vargas

American Academy Of Neurology Award

Excellence in Neurology

**Ashley Brooke White
Lauren Nicole Sullivan**

Birmingham Campus Departmental Awards

(continued)

Samuel Clements Little Award

Excellence in Neurology

Ashleigh Burns Irwin

Karen Yu Wang

Bruce A. Harris, Jr. Award

Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

Lanning B. Kline Award

Excellence in Ophthalmology

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Paul A. Palmisano Award

Excellence in Pediatrics

Anna Paige Wilson

Chi-Tsou Huang Award

Excellence in Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation

Tanvee Sinha

Battle S. Searcy Memorial Award

Excellence in Psychiatry

Trinity Nicole Houston

Robert J. Stanley Award

Excellence in Radiology

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Robert J. Cerfolio Award

Excellence in Surgery

Mckinley Williams Conley

Mary T. Hawn Award

Excellence in Surgery

Christine Renata Carico

Richard Stahl Award

Excellence in Surgery

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Elizabeth Beierle Award

Excellence in Surgery

Colin Harrington Quinn

Robert And Jamie Dabal Award

Excellence in Surgery

Lamario Joshua Williams

Huntsville Campus Departmental Awards

Dean's Award

Superior performance in the clinical curriculum

Bradley Tyler Thigpen

Exemplary Academic Performance

Excellence in the clinical curriculum

Savannah Sally Petrus

G. Gayle Stephens Award

Excellence in Family Medicine

Kimberly Laura Romanoff

J. Ellis Sparks Award

Excellence in Internal Medicine

Denver Russel Fuller

Award For Excellence In Neurology

Excellence in Neurology

Spencer Gibbs

John Di Placido Award

Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Savannah Sally Petrus

John R. Montgomery Award

Excellence in Pediatrics

Abbey Zane Nishikawa

Tarak Vasavada Award

Excellence in Psychiatry

Bryan Richard Mortimer

Charles Selah Award

Excellence in Surgery

Savannah Sally Petrus

Montgomery Campus Departmental Awards

Dean's Award

Superior performance in the clinical curriculum

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

Samuel J. Saliba Award

Excellence in Family Medicine

Diarra Lashae Bender

J. J. Kirschenfeld Award

Excellence in Internal Medicine

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

Hamp H. Greene Iii Award

Excellence in Neurology

Jacob William Greenway

John M. Ashurst, Jr. Award

Excellence in Obstetrics & Gynecology

Divya Goel

Thomas "Buddy" Nolan Award

Excellence in Pediatrics

Isaac Delain Robinson

A. Almon Ward Award

Excellence in Psychiatry

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Harry Jackson Till Award

Excellence in Surgery

Jacob William Greenway

Tuscaloosa Campus Departmental Awards

Scholastic Achievement Award

Superior performance in the clinical curriculum

William Hunter Scott

William R. Willard Award

Outstanding contribution to the goals and mission of the College of Community Health Sciences as voted by the College faculty; *established by the Bank of Moundville*

Grace Abigail Glidden

Robert F. Gloor/James D. Leeper Award

In Community Medicine
Excellence in Community and Rural Medicine

Grace Abigail Glidden
Taylor Nicole Golden

James H. Akers Memorial Award

Dedication to the art and science of medicine

Cynthia Lauren Huguley

**William Owings Award
In Family Medicine**
Excellence in Family Medicine
Devin Ray Dobbins
Carla Danielle Brown

**William Winternitz Award
In Internal Medicine**
Excellence in Internal Medicine during
the third and fourth years
Sheena Khan

Neurology Award
Excellence in the Neurology clerkship
Jenna Lee Sayler

**Finney/Akers Memorial Award In
Obstetrics And Gynecology**
Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Ashton Victoria Robinson
Lillie Grace Veazey

Pediatrics Recognition Award
Outstanding interest, ability, and
the reflection of pleasure in helping
parents and their children reach their
full personal, social, and educational
potential

Austin David Wall, III

Peter Bryce Award In Psychiatry
Excellence in the Psychiatry clerkship
Devin Ray Dobbins

William R. Shamblin Surgery Award
Superior achievement in the Surgery
clerkship
Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Interprofessional Excellence Award
Benjamin Rush Rogers

Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine Class of 2025



Peter G. Abdelmessih

UAB Medical Center, Internal Medicine

Priyanka Ahuja

University of Kentucky Medical Center,
Emergency Medicine

Yolanda Amezaga, CE

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center,
Anesthesiology

Cody Michael Anger

Mount Sinai Medical Center – Miami Beach,
Urology

Margaret Lee Baldwin, A, M

UAB Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

Zachary Chase Ballinger

UAB Medical Center, Psychiatry

Amber Ann Bell

Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Psychiatry

Diarra Lashae Bender

Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Family
Medicine

Elizabeth Marks Benson, G, T

Carolinas Medical Center, Orthopaedic
Surgery

Isabella Alonso Blair

UAB Medical Center, Pediatrics

Amiria Pearl Blakely, CE

Floyd Medical Center, Family Medicine

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Brookwood Baptist Health, Transitional
University of Louisville School of Medicine,
Diagnostic Radiology

Nicholas Ryan Boyle, *, *

Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Neurology
Reduction of Sphingomyelinases
Associated with Progranulin Deficiency
and Frontotemporal Dementia

Ann Carol Braswell, A, M, T

Duke University Medical Center,
Plastic Surgery

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

University of Mississippi Medical Center,
Internal Medicine

Carla Danielle Brown, CE, G

Prisma Health-University of South Carolina
School of Medicine Columbia, Family
Medicine

Meredith Leigh Burns

Brookwood Baptist Health, Transitional
UAB Medical Center, Dermatology

Caleb Bush

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine –
Huntsville, Family Medicine

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated
Hospitals, Internal Medicine

Christine Renata Carico, *, C, ‡

University of California San Francisco,
Surgery

Chloe Carroll

HCA Healthcare Kansas City,
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Modular Regulation and Function of the
Polypyrimidine Tract Binding Protein 1
(PTBP1)

Karen Joyce Carter

UAB Medical Center, Orthopaedic Surgery

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

UAB Medical Center, Internal Medicine

Alyssa Briana Cole

University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Obstetrics/Gynecology

Mckinley Williams Conley

UAB Medical Center, Surgery

Jeb Cowen

East Alabama Medical Center, Internal Medicine

Anna Elizabeth Crawford, ^G

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Orthopaedic Surgery

Laura Catherine Wright

Cresswell, ^{CE}

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine –
Huntsville, Family Medicine

Tyler David Criswell, [†]

Brookwood Baptist Health, Surgery

Owen Patrick Cunneely, ^A

University of Connecticut Health, Urology

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

University of Mississippi Medical Center, Anesthesiology

Jamie Renee Davison, ^{CE}

Louisiana State University School of Medicine, Psychiatry

Hunter Byron Dean, ^{*, †}

St. Louis Children's Hospital, Pediatrics-Medical Genetics
The Effects of Alzheimer's Disease–Associated Variants and Ligands on the Structure and Function of TREM2

Matthew Everett Dean, ^{A, C}

Emory University School of Medicine, Internal Medicine

Devin Ray Dobbins

University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences, Family Medicine

Kaitlyn Estes Domning, ^T

Baylor University Medical Center, Internal Medicine

Natalie Alexandra Dorin, ^A

University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

Riley Cain Taylor Duke, ^{A, C}

Emory University School of Medicine, Transitional
Emory University School of Medicine, Ophthalmology

Melissa Lyn Ebeling, ^{A, M}

University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

Clayton Farris

UAB Medical Center, Orthopaedic Surgery

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca, ^G

Baptist Health, Transitional
University of Louisville School of Medicine, Dermatology

McKenzie Emma Foxall, ^{A, T}

UAB Medical Center, Obstetrics/
Gynecology

Kaysie Angel Freer

University of Tennessee College of
Medicine Chattanooga, Obstetrics/
Gynecology

Denver Russel Fuller

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine –
Huntsville, Internal Medicine

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Medical University of South Carolina,
Anesthesiology

Steven Samuel Gaffin, [‡]

Cahaba Medical Care/UAB Medical Center,
Family Medicine

Charles Alan Gagnon-Vargas

Boston Children's Hospital, Pediatrics

Cole Davis Garrison

UAB Medical Center, Ophthalmology

Anupa Devi Ghimire

UAB Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

Spencer Gibbs

Self Regional Healthcare, Family Medicine

Grace Abigail Glidden, ^{CE}

University of Alabama College of
Community Health Sciences, Family
Medicine

Divya Goel, ^{CE}

University of Tennessee Health Science
Center, Obstetrics/Gynecology

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St. Vincent's East, Family Medicine

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